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## CIA Denies Role in Lockheed Bribe

The CIA told Senate investigators yesterday the agency never has been involved in alleged bribes paid by the Lockheed Aircraft Co. to government officials in Japan.

The CIA also said it was not aware of the alleged payoffs made by Lockheed through Yoshio Kodama, a mysterious Japanese influence peddler who for years was Lockheed's sales agent in Japan.

"The CIA also told us it did not utilize Deake & Co. (an international foreign exchange company) to transmit funds to Japanese officials and parties," the Senate intelligence committee said in a statement.